



May 4, 2022

The Honorable Doug Chaffee, Chairman
Orange County Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board,
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: Agenda Item S42D for May 10, 2022

Dear Chairman Chaffee:

Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks (FHBP) urges the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed restrictions on the purchase and use of expanded polystyrene (commonly known as "styrofoam") food service products in County facilities. As you are aware, this material is not bio-degradable, tends to disperse widely in wind and water, and is mistaken for food by wildlife. It can readily be replaced with fiber and cardboard containers that are not harmful.

Our creeks and bays are being trashed by those foam container pieces along the water's edge as well as in the bushes and trees. It is time for the County of Orange to eliminate these foam products and demonstrate another step in leadership to care for our community's environment. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this agenda item.

Sincerely,

Michael Wellborn, President